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General & Engineer Francisco J. Grajales

Governor of the State of Chiapas in Mexico



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General Grajales was born on August 1, 1898. He took his elementary schooling in the town of Chiapa de Corzo. In December, 1916 he joined the revolutionary movement. In 1920 he entered the Military College. He graduated as a Construction Engineer and then went on to advanced studies at the General Staff School. Following his termination of said course, he was appointed Subdirector of the Military College and Professor of various subjects.

In World War II he was second in command of the General Staff of the Military Region of the Gulf and Tehuantepec. He has occupied various high posts in the President's Military Staff as well as in the office of the Secretary of National Defense. He also was Chief of Staff for a time.

In 1937 he was Military Attaché in Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia. He has also served short periods in the USA and in Guatemala on official military commissions.

General Grajales holds several important decorations from the Mexican government as well as from Bolivia and Guatemala. He is the author of several texts which are used in military circles for reference works. One of the salient titles is "Tactical Course for Engineers."

His election to the governorship of the state of Chiapas was brought about in a free and democratic manner by direct vote of the people of that state.

Lic. Francisco J. Santamaria

Governor of the State of Tabasco



Lic. Santamaria was born in the town of Cacaos (changed to Santamaria in 1942) on September 10, 1889. He graduated with a law degree on October 24, 1912.

During his youthful days, he was a director of several schools of San Juan Bautista. He published several works in general geography and in elementary geometry.

Then he published a work describing a climb to the Mountain of Madrigal and what he could see from that high point. One of his memorable writings was the **History of Journalism in Tabasco** in which he had to study the more than 450 newspapers of the province. His most memorable language work is titled—**EL PROVINCIALISMO TABASQUENO—AMERICANISMO Y BARBARISMO**.

A most monumental work is published in three volumes titled: **BIBLIOGRAFIA GENERAL DE TABASCO**. It took Santamaria several years to complete this project.

He also wrote several prose works as well as some poems. His literary achievements have enhanced the cultural life of all the people of his state. Many of the people who were dissolusioned are now happy in the thought that the man whom they elected governor is interested in their well-being and is developing the resources of the state.

While his journalistic and publishing activities highlight his career, he also is known as a fighting attorney, a research specialist in language and historical affairs and a public official.

Recently he was named a member of the National Academy of Languages, the third person from his state to be so honored.

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Lic. Manuel Lopez Hernandez

Governor of the State of Campeche



Lic. Lopez Hernandez was born in Campeche, capital of the state on December 7, 1912. He studied in the schools of his native city and graduated as a Lawyer on October 8, 1938.

He then taught history in the State Institute. Afterwards he was named Honorary Professor of History.

While practicing the profession of law, he became President of the Tribunal Superior de Justicia (Court) of his state. In 1947 he was elected deputy.

On September 18, 1949 Lic. Lopez Hernandez took office as the popularly elected Governor of Campeche State. His administration is adopting a program of greater development of the agricultural and natural resources of the particular region which will benefit everyone.



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